

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of SEPTEMBER, 1948

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

## POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1947 was estimated to be 509,132, comprising 261,916 Males and 247,216 Females.

On 30th June 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,586.

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	AUGUST		Eight Months ended August	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Marriages.....No.	347	298	3,405	3,496
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.93	6.95	9.95	10.47
Births .....No.	1,082	957	8,530	8,756
*Rate per 1000 of Population	24.73	22.33	24.94	26.21
Deaths.....No.	469	432	3,152	3,072
*Rate per 1000 of Population	10.72	10.08	9.21	9.20
Infant Mortality No.	22	32	222	270
Rate per 1000 Live Births	20.33	33.44	26.03	30.84
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	16	11	115	96
Cancer	58	47	425	367
Influenza	9	-	12	7
Diphtheria	1	2	5	7
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	43	49	283	278
Arteriosclerosis	14	12	96	109
Diseases of the Heart	156	136	940	855
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	33	27	197	174
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	3	4	17	19
Nephritis	18	17	116	112
Diseases of Early Infancy	10	18	122	135
Senility	7	11	53	81
Accidents	19	20	184	191
All Other Causes	82	78	587	641
TOTAL	469	432	3,152	3,072

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.





# LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September totalled 673,286 acres, an increase of 168,092 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 4,779,894 acres, a decrease of 2,482,912 acres.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of September		3 Months ended September	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	£	£	£	£
Revenue ... ..	1,457,465	1,325,607	4,260,380	3,771,266
Revenue per head of population	£2.16.4d.	£2.12.5d.	£8.5.0d.	£7.9.5d.
Expenditure ... ..	1,685,124	1,333,517	4,943,493	4,123,667
Expenditure per head of popln.	£3.5.1d.	£2.12.8d.	£9.11.5d.	£8.3.5d.

## SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th September amounted to £36,244,778 or £69.19.5d. per head of population as against £36,737,607 or £72.10.3d. per head as at the 30th September last year.

## BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 29th September, 1948 amounted to £5,841,756 compared with £4,071,985 for the corresponding period last year.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Transfers ..... No.	1,553	1,601	4,668	4,958
£	713,879	834,410	2,482,010	2,523,369
Mortgages ..... No.	963	951	2,803	3,004
£	782,948	927,030	2,669,586	3,000,148
Discharges of Mortgages No.	761	812	2,563	2,641

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
<u>1947</u> -				
September	1,381,485	1,062,710	3,286,715	163,596
October	1,238,310	854,181	2,878,237	156,911
November	1,142,486	796,547	2,541,336	135,913
December	1,120,213	1,104,042	3,833,345	138,832
<u>1948</u> -				
January	1,269,393	752,509	3,011,477	175,780
February	1,257,388	864,177	3,248,518	137,796
March	1,093,047	599,259	2,779,556	148,425
April	1,463,655	1,226,320	3,719,757	156,617
May	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

43 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,317,000 and 18 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 31 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £954,500 and 15 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	3 Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1948			1947		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	7	3,961	190	2	1,663	361
Deeds of Assignment (a)	4	20,601	12,786	1	1,804	1,142
Deeds of Arrangement	--	--	--	--	--	--

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	JUNE *		12 Months ended JUNE *	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£)	344,896	330,535	4,598,896	4,045,935
Working Expenses (£)	542,278	420,640	5,570,000	4,423,801
Train Miles Run	581,870	576,101	7,266,209	6,727,963
Passenger Journeys	1,353,282	1,368,840	14,044,299	13,878,518
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	204,791	207,735	2,700,097	2,427,971
Livestock	9,871	11,261	157,476	148,965
Departmental (Free Freight)	37,543	41,247	545,233	491,781
Total	252,205	260,243	3,402,806	3,068,717
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	30,900,318	29,298,920	396,765,871	347,884,302
Livestock	1,462,456	1,154,715	19,222,313	17,894,148
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,925,922	6,270,143	86,007,786	76,516,168
Total	38,288,696	36,723,778	501,995,970	442,294,618

\* Latest Figures available.



Period	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421	2422	2423	2424	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429	2430	2431	2432	2433	2434	2435	2436	2437	2438	2439	2440	2441	2442	2443	2444	2445	2446	2447	2448	2449	2450	2451	2452	2453	2454	2455	2456	2457	2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463	2464	2465	2466	2467	2468	2469	2470	2471	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476	2477	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2488	2489	2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497	2498	2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2518	2519	2520	2521	2522	2523	2524	2525	2526	2527	2528	2529	2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535	2536	2537	2538	2539	2540	2541	2542	2543	2544	2545	2546	2547	2548	2549	2550	2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571	2572	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577	2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2585	2586	2587	2588	2589	2590	2591	2592	2593	2594	2595	2596	2597	2598	2599	2600	2601	2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607	2608	2609	2610	2611	2612	2613	2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619	2620	2621	2622	2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630	2631	2632	2633	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640	2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2650	2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2658	2659	2660	2661	2662	2663	2664	2665	2666	2667	2668	2669	2670	2671	2672	2673	2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679	2680	2681	2682	2683	2684	2685	2686	2687	2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2710	2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2718	2719	2720	2721	2722	2723	2724	2725	2726	2727	2728	2729	2730	2731	2732	2733	2734	2735	2736	2737	2738	2739	2740	2741	2742	2743	2744	2745	2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762	2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771	2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779	2780	2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796	2797	2798	2799	2800	2801	2802	2803	2804	2805	2806	2807	2808	2809	2810	2811	2812	2813	2814	2815	2816	2817	2818	2819	2820	2821	2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827	2828	2829	2830	2831	2832	2833	2834	2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840	2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848	2849	2850	2851	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857	2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866	2867	2868	2869	2870	2871	2872	2873	2874	2875	2876	2877	2878	2879	2880	2881	2882	2883	2884	2885	2886	2887	2888	2889	2890	2891	2892	2893	2894	2895	2896	2897	2898	2899	2900	2901	2902	2903	2904	2905	2906	2907	2908	2909	2910	2911	2912	2913	2914	2915	2916	2917	2918	2919	2920	2921	2922	2923	2924	2925	2926	2927	2928	2929	2930	2931	2932	2933	2934	2935	2936	2937	2938	2939	2940	2941	2942	2943	294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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
1948 -								
January	74	27	1	49	140	124	5	80
February	112	44	3	72	246	151	6	97
March	173	51	6	92	337	159	9	126
April	202	40 50	3	67	394	147	9	101
May	150	53	6	60	311	163	13	86
June	213	64	4	54	268	126	4	67
July	189	68	6	62	518	368	13	151
August	168	74	7	54	355	242	9	101

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.) \*

Date (As at End of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1947 -								
December	21,425	10,075	271	5,321	34,096	33,210	379	8,213
1948 -								
January	21,542	10,134	270	5,373	33,728	32,069	399	8,276
February	21,562	10,159	275	5,437	34,212	33,147	432	8,494
March	21,620	10,080	280	5,430	34,554	33,589	445	8,587
April	21,679	10,051	279	5,457	34,821	33,725	452	8,749
May	21,828	10,106	285	5,467	35,263	34,188	467	8,869
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
July	22,432	10,423	290	5,601	35,025	32,214	500	8,241
August	22,586	10,574	296	5,706	35,907	34,017	512	8,676

\* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for  
AUGUST July, 1948 - 124 Cars; 463 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses  
and 3 Motor Cycles. 475

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, August, 1948 and 1947, and 2 months ending August, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Overseas	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	1,766	1,097	3,740	2,220	2,255	1,845	7,531	4,134
Interstate	1,749	1,660	4,158	4,246	419	809	835	1,488
TOTAL	3,515	2,757	7,898	6,466	2,674	2,654	8,366	5,622





BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc.(a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948										
March Qr.	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
June Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and Other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.  
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
<u>1948</u>										
March Qr.	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
June Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,826,646 lbs. were produced during August, 1948, and 3,326,493 lbs. for the two months ended August, 1948, as against 1,730,566 lbs. and 3,175,459 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION

		SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
Quantity	Fine Ozs.	51,876	54,678	497,091	527,710
Value (Aust.Currency)	£	558,310	588,472	5,350,059	5,679,481

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 9 months ended SEPTEMBER, 1948 amounted to £544,329. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £530,288.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPT.		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended SEPT.	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Metropolitan Area	1268	1117	1226	1095	1282	1167	1233	1148
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1403	1246	1366	1226	1383	1270	1338	1248
Northam	1293	1142	1247	1114	1289	1177	1241	1156
Bunbury	1276	1124	1233	1097	1298	1180	1245	1159
Geraldton	1301	1150	1257	1121	1344	1229	1294	1207
Collic	1285	1141	1242	1111	1237	1123	1186	1103

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>			
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948 -</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529
August	108,611	37,073	145,684

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 100))				
	1944	1945	1946	1947(a)	1948(a)	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	137	142	145	162	168	826	870	995	1134	1233
February	138	142	148	164	168	824	868	1016	1138	1249
March	139	144	151	166	170	825	877	1045	1145	1264
April	139	144	153	167	171	827	876	1051	1144	1264
May	140	144	154	168	174	832	891	1069	1151	1277
June	139	145	154	167	173	829	903	1087	1153	1277
July	140	146	157	167(a)	174	832	899	1096	1168	1301
August	140	145	159	167	173	832	897	1109	1181	1294
Sept.	140	143	160	169		834	914	1114	1172	
October	140	141	161	169		837	929	1118	1184	
November	141	141	158	167		851	965	1133	1215	
December	142	145	163	168		886	1012	1165	1267	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.





UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
Aug. (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sept. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509
Oct. (a)	179	6	185	233	5	238	440	16	456
Nov. (a)	175	12	187	249	10	259	366	18	384
Dec. (2)	185	7	192	132	10	142	419	15	434
<u>1948 -</u>									
Jan. (a)	335	4	339	392	9	401	362	10	372
Feb. (a)	130	5	135	183	8	191	309	7	316
March (a)	112	3	115	132	2	134	289	8	297
April (a)	93	4	97	143	2	145	239	10	249
May (a)	127	3	130	115	6	121	251	7	258
June (a)	117	7	124	162	8	170	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,547	18,459	59,846	57,795
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,532	15,332	50,679	49,469

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
September, 1948	6,486	508	91,018	8,822
September, 1947	6,546	599	137,244	10,596
9 Months ended September, 1948	83,189	3,202	486,247	84,001
9 Months ended September, 1947	80,173	3,535	619,529	90,339

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